

ARKANSAS BROILER HATCHERY



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ARKANSAS CHICK PLACEMENTS UP 4 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

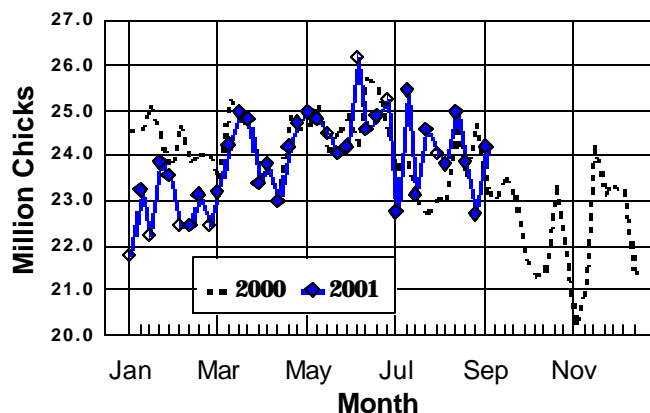
Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas was 24.2 million during the week ending September 15, 2001, according to the Arkansas Agricultural Statistics Service. Placements were up 4 percent from the comparable week in 2000, and 7 percent above the previous week, and included 2.1 million chicks shipped in from other states. Cumulative placements from December 31, 2000 through September 15, 2001 were 885.0 million, down 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

The broiler-type chicks hatched for the week was 25.2 million, 3 percent above the corresponding week a year earlier, and 2 percent above the previous week. Of the total hatch, 2.6 million chicks were shipped out of the state. Average hatchability for chicks hatched was 82.7 percent.

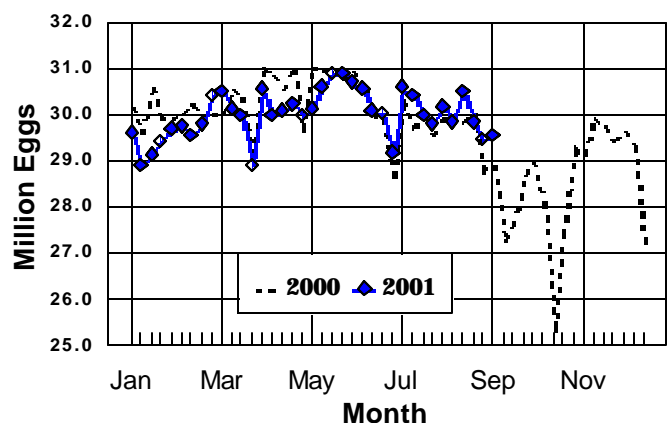
Arkansas hatcheries set 29.6 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending September 15, 2001, 2 percent above the same period last year and slightly above the previous week.

Week Ending	NET PLACEMENTS			CHICKS HATCHED			EGGS SET		
	2000	2001	% Change	2000	2001	% Change	2000	2001	% Change
	<i>1,000</i>			<i>1,000</i>			<i>1,000</i>		
Aug. 11	23,105	24,047	104	24,289	24,975	103	29,945	30,204	101
Aug. 18	23,036	23,811	103	24,435	24,749	101	29,982	29,880	100
Aug. 25	24,605	24,977	102	24,498	24,436	100	29,844	30,519	102
Sept. 1	23,583	23,892	101	24,722	24,889	101	30,063	29,870	99
Sept. 8	24,751	22,693	92	24,525	24,665	101	28,807	29,469	102
Sept. 15	23,246	24,198	104	24,488	25,248	103	28,927	29,579	102

CHICKS PLACED IN ARKANSAS, 2000 - 2001



EGGS SET, 2000 - 2001



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BROILER EGGS SET AND CHICKS PLACED IN 15 MAJOR STATES BY WEEKS, 2001

EGGS SET (in Thousands)						CHICKS PLACED (in Thousands)						
	Week Ending				1/		Week Ending				1/	
STATE	25-Aug	01-Sep	08-Sep	15-Sep	%	11-Aug	18-Aug	25-Aug	01-Sep	08-Sep	15-Sep	%
Alabama	29,517	29,479	28,177	28,828	107	22,522	21,817	22,622	22,715	23,089	23,149	109
ARKANSAS	30,519	29,870	29,469	29,579	102	24,047	23,811	24,977	23,892	22,693	24,198	104
Delaware	3,515	3,551	3,516	3,085	82	5,443	5,452	5,116	4,585	4,685	5,292	118
Florida	2,320	2,272	2,262	2,235	86	2,649	2,518	2,377	2,446	2,299	2,137	90
Georgia	31,741	31,737	31,252	31,379	103	24,756	24,642	25,290	25,244	25,324	24,126	99
Maryland	8,957	8,795	8,630	8,172	111	5,139	4,861	5,165	5,387	5,428	4,795	84
Mississippi	18,976	18,785	18,154	17,476	107	15,582	15,005	15,835	15,308	15,716	15,657	103
N. Carolina	17,627	16,293	16,057	15,990	98	14,157	13,925	14,629	13,768	13,984	14,139	101
Pennsylvania	3,776	3,754	3,715	3,942	111	2,780	2,757	2,742	2,661	2,977	3,871	155
S. Carolina	5,067	4,949	4,983	4,807	99	4,583	3,998	3,855	4,019	4,037	3,854	93
Texas	14,566	14,769	14,208	13,208	99	11,270	10,901	11,042	10,684	11,259	11,596	103
Virginia	6,504	6,387	6,447	5,867	108	5,315	5,074	5,349	5,442	5,699	5,893	117
CA TN & W VA	11,179	10,988	10,293	9,645	104	10,734	10,766	9,367	9,196	9,382	10,097	109
Total 2001	184,264	181,629	177,163	174,213		148,977	145,527	148,366	145,347	146,572	148,804	
Total 2000	178,581	176,154	169,551	168,927		142,260	142,154	144,596	141,877	144,511	142,827	
% PREV. YEAR	103	103	104	103		105	102	103	102	101	104	
APPROXIMATE MARKETING DATE 2001.....						29-Sep	06-Oct	13-Oct	20-Oct	27-Oct	03-Nov	
* Revised .	1/ Current week as percent of the same week last year.											

*Kentucky	5,673	5,413	5,318	5,670	****	4,147	4,527	4,552	4,540	4,429	4,550	****
*Oklahoma	6,014	5,994	6,317	6,100	****	4,217	4,891	4,310	4,975	4,940	4,800	****
*LA & MO	8,911	8,907	8,411	9,227	****	9,087	8,132	8,572	8,326	9,579	9,253	****
19 StateTotal	204,862	201,943	197,209	195,210		166,428	163,077	165,800	163,188	165,520	167,407	

* Beginning May 16, 2001 four additional States are being published for the first time in the weekly broiler program.

EGGS SET IN 15 MAJOR BROILER PRODUCING STATES UP 3 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-state weekly program set 174 million eggs during the week ending September 15, 2001. This was up 3 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 82 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

BROILER CHICKS PLACED UP 4 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 15-state weekly program placed 149 million chicks for meat production during the week ending September 15, 2001. Placements were up 4 percent from the comparable week in 2000. Cumulative placements from December 31, 2000 through September 15, 2001 were 5.45 billion, up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.